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= A Praise Service =

His Wondrous Works
His Wondrous Name
His Wondrous Love

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Processional.

Children's Voices, ... The New Laudes Domini.

I will sing for Jesus,
With His blood He bought me;
And all along my pilgrim way
His loving hand has brought me.

Still I'll sing for Jesus!
O how will I adore Him
Among the cloud of witnesses
Who cast their crowns before Him!

CHORUS.

O, help me sing for Jesus,
Help me tell the story
Of Him who did redeem us,
The Lord of life and glory.

Prayer for the manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

All sing heartily, ... Laudes Domini.

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him,
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light!

Praise the Lord—for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken,
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the God of our salvation,
Hosts on high His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

Responsive Reading by Band or Jr. C. E.

HIS WONDROUS WORKS.

"Remember that thou magnify His work which men behold."—Job xxxvi: 24.

"Surely I will remember Thy wonders of old."—Psa. lxxvii: 11.

LEADER.—"To Him that by wisdom made the heavens; and all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth."—Psa. cxxxvi: 5. Psa. xxxiii: 6.

BAND OR JR. C. E.—"To Him that made great lights.....The sun to rule by day.....The moon and stars to rule by night."—Psa. cxxxvi: 7, 8, 9.

LEADER.—"The north and the south Thou hast created them."—Psa. lxxxix: 12.

BAND.—"The day is Thine, the night also is Thine."—Psa. lxxiv: 16.

ALL.—"All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee."—Psa. cxlv: 10.

LEADER.—"The voice of Thy thunder was in the heaven; the lightnings lightened the world."—Psa. lxxvii: 18.

BAND.—"How are thy garments warmed when He quieteth the earth by the south wind."—Psa. xxxvii: 17.

LEADER.—"He giveth snow like wool; He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes."—Psa. cxlvii: 16.

BAND.—"So is this great and wide sea, wherein are creeping things innumerable."—Psa. civ: 25.

ALL.—"All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee."—Psa. cxlv: 10.

Singing, ... Laudes Domini.

Oh, tell of His might, and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

LEADER.—"I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground."—Jer. xxvii: 5.

BAND.—"And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed....and tree yielding fruit."—Gen. i: 12.

LEADER.—"And the bow shall be in the cloud, and I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature."—Gen. ix: 16.

BAND.—"Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: Thou preparest them corn."—Psa. lxv: 9.

ALL.—"All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord, and Thy saints shall bless Thee."—Psa. cxlv: 10.

LEADER.—"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin. Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"—Matt. vi: 26, 28.

BAND.—"He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young raven which cry."—Psa. cxlvii: 9.

LEADER.—"He hath made everything beautiful in His time."—Ec. iii: 11.

ALL.—"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour, and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."
Rev. iv: 11.

Singing by Band or Jr. C. E. . . . . Choral Hymnal.

God, who hath made the daisies,
And every lovely thing,
He will accept our praises,
And harken while we sing.
He says tho' we are simple,
Tho' ignorant we be,
Suffer the little children
And let them come to me.

He sees the bird that wingeth
Its way o'er earth and sky;
He hears the lark that singeth
Up in the heaven so high:
But sees the hearts low breathings,
And says, well pleased to see,
Suffer the little children
And let them come to me.

Prayer—That His wondrous works may impress us with His wondrous love.

Responsive Reading by Christian Endeavor Society.

HIS WONDROUS NAME.

"I will praise the *name* of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving."—Psa. lxix: 30.

Singing, ... The New Laudes Domini.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King;
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

LEADER.—"Our Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name."—Matt. vi: 9.

C. E.—"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."—Luke ii: 11.

LEADER.—"The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost....He shall teach you all things."—John xiv: 26.

C. E.—"There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men."—I. Tim. ii: 5.

ALL.—"Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord."—Psa. cxiii: 1.

LEADER.—"If any man sin, we have an *Advocate* with the Father."—I. John ii: 1.

C. E.—"We may boldly say the Lord is my *Helper*."—Heb. xiii: 6.

LEADER.—"We have a great *High Priest* that is passed into the heavens."—Heb. iv: 14.

C. E.—"The blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."—I. Tim. vi: 15.

ALL.—"Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord."—Psa. cxiii: 1.

Singing, ... Westminster Sunday-school Hymnal.

There is no name so sweet on earth,
No name so sweet in heaven,
The name before His wondrous birth,
To Christ, the Saviour given.

We love to sing around our King,
And hail Him blessed Jesus;
For there's no word ear ever heard,
So dear, so sweet as Jesus.

LEADER.—"The Lord is my *Rock*, and my *Fortress*, and my Deliverer."—II. Sam. xxii: 2.

C. E.—"He is my *Shield*, my *High Tower*, my *Refuge*, and my Saviour."—II. Sam. xxii: 3.

LEADER.—"Unto Thee, O my *Strength*, will I sing."—Psa. lix: 17.

C. E.—"The Lord our Righteousness."—Jer. xxxiii: 16.

ALL.—"Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord."—Psa. cxiii: 1.

LEADER.—"I am the *Light* of the world."—John viii: 12. "The Lord shall be a light unto me."—Micah vii: 8.

C. E.—"I am the good *Shepherd*, and know my sheep."—John x: 14.

LEADER.—"I am the *Bread* of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger."—John vi: 35.

Singing, ... Laudes Domini.

Feed me with the heavenly manna
In this barren wilderness.
Be my sword and shield and banner,
Be the Lord my righteousness.
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

ALL.—"Blessed be His glorious *name* forever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen."—Psa. lxxii: 19.

Responsive Reading by Woman's Home Missionary Society.

HIS WONDROUS LOVE.

"Remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee."—Deut. viii: 2.

Singing, ... Laudes Domini.

Awake, my soul, to joyful lays,
And sing thy great Redeemer's praise;
He justly claims a song from thee,
His loving kindness, oh, how free!

LEADER.—"I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee."—Jer. xxxi: 3.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—"I know thee by name, and thou hast found grace in My sight."—Ex. xxxiii: 12.

LEADER.—"I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name am the God of Israel."—Isa. xlvi: 3.

M. S.—"Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."—Luke x: 20.

ALL.—"O praise the Lord, for his merciful kindness is great toward us."—Psa. cxvii: 1, 2.

LEADER.—"The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him."—Deut. xxxiii: 12.

M. S.—"My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."—Isa. xxxii: 18.

LEADER.—"Therefore take no thought, saying what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be clothed. For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."—Matt. vi: 31, 32.

M. S.—"God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—Phil. iv; 19.

ALL.—"O praise the Lord, for His merciful kindness is great toward us."—Psa. cxvii: 1, 2.

LEADER.—"His compassions fail not, they are new every morning."—Lam. iii: 22, 23.

M. S.—"Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you."—Isa. xlvi: 4.

LEADER.—"I will gather them that are sorrowful."—Zeph. iii: 18.

M. S.—"As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you."—Isa. lxvi: 13.

ALL.—"O praise the Lord, for His merciful kindness is great toward us."—Psa. cxvii: 2.

LEADER.—"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness."—Isa. xliii: 2.

M. S.—"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."—Rom. viii: 28.

LEADER.—"Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."—Rom. viii: 17.

M. S.—"There hath not failed one word of all His good promise which He promised."—I. Kings viii: 56.

Singing, ... Laudes Domini.

Fearest sometimes that Thy Father
Hath forgot?
When the clouds around thee gather,
Doubt Him not!
Always hath the daylight broken—
Always hath He comfort spoken—
Better hath He been for years,
Than thy fears.

M. S.—"The children of Thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee."—Psa. cii : 28.

LEADER.—"For the promise is unto you and your children."—Acts ii : 39.

ALL.—"Oh, how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men."—Psa. xxxi : 19.

Singing, ... Laudes Domini.

Our Father's God ! to thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing :
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King !

Reading—

For my past, Lord, I would whisper only thankful prayers to Thee.
Looking back upon the picture I have left behind, I see
Sunny spots for which to thank Thee. Though the landscape does not lack
Shadows with its brighter colors, yet I thank Thee—looking back.

For these present days, how can I aught but deep thanksgiving say ?
For the fingers clasping those I slip within them—for the way
Thou dost make Thine own face shining, when the sunlight seems to flee,
And dost clear the sky that stretches dark and angry over me.

For my future, Lord, I thank Thee ; what am I that I should care
Though the shadows come, if, reading of a city lying square,
I grow stronger for the journey, till the entrance gates shall seem
Wide and open, as the prophet saw them shining in his dream.

Prayer— Presenting special reasons of praise for His loving kindness.

Original Papers or Leaflets may be here Introduced.

Offerings—

LEADER.—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. iii : 10.

"Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord ; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord, gold, and silver, and brass."—Ex. xxxv : 5.

"And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted ;. . . .and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the Lord."—Ex. xxxv : 22.

"Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass, brought the Lord's offering."—Ex. xxxv : 24.

"All the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun."—Ex. xxxv : 25.

"The children of Israel brought a *willing* offering unto the Lord, every man and woman."—Ex. xxxv : 29.

"Give as you would if the angels waited at your door,
Give as you would if the morrow found you where giving is o'er,
Give as you would to the Master if you meet his searching look,
Give as you would if His hand the offering took."

Giving is better than keeping, for it enlarges the heart. It is a potential grace. It never comes alone, but brings a company of graces with it. Cheerfulness, sympathy, gratitude, helpfulness, love, all follow in the train of this cardinal grace. Like every grace, its greatest reward is the increased power to exercise it.

Offerings, ... { CHILDREN. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Singing, ... C. M.

Fountain of good, to own Thy love
Our thankful hearts incline ;
What can we render Lord to Thee,
When all the worlds are Thine.

Do Thou, O Lord, our alms accept,
And with Thy blessing speed ;
Bless us in giving ; greatly bless
Our gifts to them that need.

Consecration (ALL).—

I ask not, Lord, that Thou to-day
A rebel wilt forgive ;
I pray that Thou wilt pardon me
The Christian life I live.

Forgive the stated, formal thanks
I lukewarm offer Thee,
And make my life one grateful song
For all Thy gifts to me.

Forgive my faith that clings to Thee
With weak and trembling hand ;
Forgive my hope that dimly sees
The distant promised land.

Forgive the love my fellows share
Free lavished on my kin,
With little thought for friendless waifs,
Or outcast slaves of sin.

Forgive my prayers, so faint and few,
So doubting, wand'ring, cold.
Help me to plead and "wrestle," trust,
As did Thy saints of old.

Forgive (I dare not call it love)
My heart's poor feeble flame
That struggles upward to the throne
From whence my Saviour came.

Forgive, dear Lord, that failure, blot,
This Christian life I live ;
Thou knowest what I fain would be—
O, what I am, forgive !

HIS REWARDS.

"Verily there is a reward for the righteous."—Psa. lviii: 11.

Crown of Life.

I ask no heaven till earth be thine,
No glory crown while work of mine
Remaineth here. Till earth shall shine
Among the stars,
Her sins wiped out, her captives free,
Her voice a music unto Thee ;
For crown new work give Thou to me ;
Lord, here am I.

Singing, ... Laudes Domini.

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is He sure to bless ?
Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs,
Answer, "Yes."

ALL.—"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation ; for when he is tried he shall receive a crown of life."—Jas. i : 12.

Crown Incorruptible.

"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible."—I. Cor. ix. 25.

Crown of Rejoicing.

"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?"—I. Thess. ii: 19.

Crown of Glory.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, and when the chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."—I. Pet. v: 2–4.

Crown of Righteousness

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."—II. Tim. 4: 8.

In the pictures of an old Italian city, its renowned and successful warriors are represented as returning from their victories. No trumpets blare out their welcome. No brilliant banners flaunt exultingly over them. They are represented as kneeling and holding above their heads their crowns, and looking up with prayers and thanksgiving to Him who gave them their victory. If ever our feet shall stand within the city of God and He shall give us the promised crowns, we shall not feel that the triumph is ours; we shall bring no personal exultation out of the life we have lived on earth; our first emotion will be one of wonder that we are saved; we shall fall on our knees like the reverent warriors of Italy, and hold above our heads the crowns which He has given us, and fervently acknowledge, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins, unto Him be glory and dominion!"

Singing, ... Laudes Domini.

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious,
See the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious,
Every knee to Him shall bow;
Crown Him, crown Him!
Crowns become the victor's brow.

CONCLUSION.

LEADER.— And now to Jesus Christ, the Lord,
Be honor, praise and glory given,
Until He be on earth adored
As by the saints and hosts of heaven.

Recessional.

Children's Voices, ... The New Laudes Domini.

Saviour! teach me, day by day,
Love's sweet lesson to obey:
Sweeter lessons cannot be,
Loving Him who first loved me.

Teach me all Thy steps to trace,
Strong to follow in Thy grace;
Learning how to love from Thee;
Loving Him who first loved me.

Thus may I rejoice to show
That I feel the love I owe;
Singing, till Thy face I see,
Of His love who first loved me.

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